(b) if so, what is their action plan for implementation of ESCO (Energy Service Company) scheme and awareness campaign scheme;

(c) whether Government are going to adopt the cost sharing NICE3 (National Industrial Competitiveness through Energy, Environment and Economics) scheme of US department of energy, to promote energy efficiency; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SURESH PRABHU): (a) Yes, Sir. The Central Government has notified the establishment of Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) with effect from the 1st March, 2002.

(b)The action plan for implementation of Energy Service Companies (ESCOs) is given below:—

(i) Under the ECO (Energy Conservation and Commercialization) oroject funded by United States Agency for International Development (USAID), energy service companies are being promoted. In this project monitoring and verification protocols, model performance contract agreements which are the key elements for development of ESCO scheme, are also being developed.

(ii) Under the Indo-German Energy Efficiency and Environment Project (IGEEP) ESCOs are also proposed to be promoted through the concept of performance-based contracting by developing at least 5 such performance contracts.

(iii) The BEE is to promote performance-based contracts and energy service companies, innovative financing, leveraging of equity for ESCOs, risk cover, etc., to facilitate development of ESCOs in the country.

As regards awareness campaign, no stand-alone programme is proposed. Awareness creation is proposed to be in-built in every element of project & programme of BEE.

(c)and (d) The BEE would consider innovative schemes including programmes similar to NICEEE, keeping in view the available infrastructure, state of preparedness in the country and suitability to Indian Industries for carrying out the objectives of the Energy Conservation Act.

Shooting Down of Unmanned Aerial Vehicle in J and K

*100. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Army shot down an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) in Poonch Sector of Jammu and Kashmir on 6th January, 2002;

(b) whether firing by Pakistan Army has been intensified along border during the last few months; and

(c) whether India has made all necessary preparations to thwart any attempt by Pakistan to cross over the Line of Control?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) There has been a marginal decrease in the firing along border/Line of Control (LoC) during the last two months.

(c) Pakistan Army activities in close proximity of the LoC, is constantly monitored and a high state of vigilance is being maintained.

Safety Measures in Coal PSU Mines

621. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the name of the coal mines under coal public sector undertakings at present State-wise;

(b)whether adequate safety measures have been taken in these coal mines;

(c) at what level internal safety aspects in these coal mines are checked/ reviewed;

(d) whether Government have taken extra safety measures in these mines after some accidents in these mines, last year; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) The name of coal mines under the coal public sector undertakings, state-wise, as on 31.12.2001 are given in the Annexure [See Appendix 195, Annexure No. 9]

(b) Yes, Sir. Adequate safety measures have been taken in these coal mines.

(c) The internal safety aspects in these coal mines are checked/reviewed by the following bodies:—

Safety Committee at Mine Level: Comprises equal numbers of